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SUBJ: INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

1. I SOUGHT CLARIFICATION ON U. S. REPRESENTATION AT GOBI
INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES DURING A MEETING WITH MINISTER
ADDERLEY APRIL 26.

A. THE U. S. DELEGATION SHOULD NUMBER FOUR PERSONS. (BELIEVE
THIS INCLUDES WIVES/ SECRETARIES/ AIDES, BUT AM CHECKING THIS
FURTHER.)

B. THE INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE FCO IN LONDON FOR
ISSUANCE TO ADDRESSEES, IN OUR CASE THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER
DISCUSSION OF PRECEDENTS ON OTHER SIMILAR OCCASIONS, ADDERLEY
INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE VICE PRESIDENT
COULD HEAD THE U. S. DELEGATION.

2. I MENTIONED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
IN THE CEREMONIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND THAT OUR
DELEGATIONS HAD INCLUDED SUCH REPRESENTATION AT OTHER CELE-
BRATIONS, BUT ADDERLEY DIDN' T RISE TO THE BAIT.

3. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT INVITATIONS WERE BEING SENT
TO THE UK, CANADA, OAS AND COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES,
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ABOUT THREE AFRICAN STATES AND, HE THOUGHT WE WOULD WANT TO

KNOW , TO CUBA AND ISRAEL. HE MENTIONED THE LATTER BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.

4. COMMENT:

A. IN VIEW OF OUR NUMEROUS AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS IN THE BAHAMAS AND OF HIS PREVIOUS VISIT HERE IN JUNE 1971, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD HEAD THE U. S. DELEGATION.

B. THE BAHAMIAN POLICE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS INHERENT IN A GATHERING OF VIP' S SUCH AS THIS IN THIS ERA OF IRRATIONAL TERRORISM AND ARE TAKING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY. HOWEVER, THEIR CAPABILITIES ARE QUITE LIMITED AND THIS SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN THE SECURITY PLANNING FOR OUR OWN PARTICIPATION.
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